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fraction, also referred to as hydrocracker bottoms, can also be used to prepare base oils. Such a process is for example described in WO-A-9718278 and in WO-A-0250213.--

On page 2, after line 3, insert the following paragraph:

-- Different publications disclose the preparation of Fischer-Tropsch derived base oils. However no publication has disclosed a process for the simultaneous preparation of both low and high viscosity base oils. For example EP-A-1029029, WO-A-0014187 and EP-A-776959 describe the preparation of low viscosity grade base oil from a Fischer-Tropsch derived feed. The kinematic viscosity at 100 °C of the disclosed base oils ranged from 5.1 to 7.9 cSt. WO-A-0015736 discloses a process in which base oil is obtained from a Fischer-Tropsch derived feed having a kinematic viscosity at 100 °C of 24.89 cSt.--

Paragraph at line 4 of page 2 has been amended as follows:

~~-- The object of the present invention is It would be useful to provide a process, which can prepare at least a light and a heavy base oil.--~~

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On page 2, after line 6, insert--Summary of the Invention--

Paragraph at line 7 of page 2, ending at line 19 of page 3, has been amended as follows:
~~-- The following process achieves this object. Process The invention is directed to a process to prepare a heavy base oil having a kinematic viscosity at 100 °C of above 15 cSt and a light lubricating base oil having a kinematic viscosity at 100 °C of between 3.8 and 6 cSt from a partly isomerised isomerized Fischer-Tropsch derived feedstock, said feedstock having an initial boiling point of below 400 °C and a final boiling point of above 600 °C and the fraction boiling above 540 °C is at least 20 wt%, said process comprising: by~~

- (a) separating, ~~by means of~~ via distillation, said fraction into a light base oil precursor fraction and a heavy base oil precursor fraction;
- (b) reducing the pour point of each separate base oil precursor fraction by means of dewaxing; and,
- (c) isolating the desired base oil products from said dewaxed oil fractions as obtained in step (b).